



Teleios Ministry

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Join The Team At Gypsy Summer Camp This Year

With spring in the air, our thoughts are once again turning to preparations for the Gypsy Summer Camp in Romania.

Summer camp is wonderful fun! It is an important time to provide a concentrated effort to teach the children about God's love for them and to show that others in the world care about them.

Teaching God's Word in the beautiful mountain setting is great experience for partners to participate in mission. There is a place for you in Bible story time, music, crafts, recreation, and afternoon rotations!

This year's camp will be held during the first two weeks of July. Specific dates and costs are being determined, but we wanted to provide a timeline so those who are praying about being a part of this year's team will be aware that Teleios has committed to partner with Attila Toth again.

If you are interested helping with Gypsy Summer Camp, contact Bonnie Parker at 864-322-9775 or bonnilynhp@charter.net.





Kenvan women are excited at receiving the gift of a Bible in their own language and look forward to growing in their faith as they reach out to others with the love of Jesus.

March 2016

Seeds Planted At Kenyan Women's Conference Grow Into Leadership Potential

By Bonnie Parker

On a Monday in Kenya earlier this year, as I was sitting under a tent thinking about the previous Saturday, Pastor Stephen of Bellavue Baptist Church joined me. He asked if he could talk with me.

He began by saying that he and other pastors who had attended the January 23 Women's Conference where I had spoken were extremely pleased with the response of the women. Nobody had dreamed that over 200 women would attend or that their excitement for learning and being trained in ways to grow as Believers would be received with such enthusiasm!

In fact, the church building didn't hold all who attended. Women sat outside surrounding the building, while others stood looking in the windows!

Stephen continued sharing that the September seminar at his church when Debbie Kenny and I spoke had sparked a desire among 30 of the women in attendance to grow personally and reach out to those around them with the love of Jesus.

They specifically referenced a phrase Debbie said, "That if all you had to share was a cup of water when you shared it in Jesus' name it could help transform a person's life." They wondered could serving God and serving others be so simple. How could a woman know what God's Continued on page 2

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Property Purchased For Gypsy Foster Home

On March 1, the purchase of a piece of property for a new Gypsy children's foster home was finalized!

It has been a long, tedious process of wading through the legal documents for a clear title, settling an estate and negotiating a price, but confidence from God that it was the right piece of property for this project gave all involved the patience and strength to work through the challenges and make the acquisition a reality.

The property is located on the main road through the village of Peris in the Mures District. On the land is a house that will require renovations to meet the government regulations so it can serve as a home for foster care. There is also a large garden area adjacent to the house. God has brought together a beautiful vision for helping these unfortunate young ones have a home and new, loving family.

Details of this project and how God has already provided funds for purchase and a young couple willing to build a home at this location for the children and how He continues to draw the necessary resources together will be forthcoming in future newsletters. There will be opportunities to assist in construction, possibly by this summer.

Please pray for the mission team in the Mures region led by Attila Toth as they listen to the Lord as He directs this endeavor and continues to transform lives in Romania.

SEEDS PLANTED

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The overall conference topic was "Practicing Spiritual Disciplines" and how our relationship with the Lord gets stronger and deeper through the practice of prayer, meditation, fasting, single focus on the Lordship of Jesus, service in His name, and, most importantly, studying God's Word.



Kykuyu – the tribal language of the people in that region – the women got so excited that they broke out in song with praise and thanksgiving waving the Bibles above their heads! It was a very moving experience!

Pastors of the churches in the Aberdares Region (of which the Bellavue Church is a part) have been participating in a Bible School for Leadership Development over the last two years.

During this time, the need for developing strong women's leadership has become evident.

Stephen noted that the churches of the area are about 80 percent women and children. If the church is going to be effective in helping transform the lives of people, and thereby transform communities, strong, Christian women will need to be the major agents for sharing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

For this reason, the pastors are "all in" for the women's spiritual growth. Seeing the excitement of the women's leadership teams from their churches and the renewed desire to participate in Kingdom growth, the pastors along with a committee of these women have asked if I will help by leading conferences and developing theological classes to be taught at a newly formed Women's Bible School.

Anyone interested in helping through prayer or participation as we move forward in developing this vision for women's spiritual growth and theological understanding is welcome to come join us "under the tent."

For more information about how you can get involved, contact Bonnie at bonnilynhp@charter.net or 864-322-9775.

We emphasized that it is imperative in the life of a busy woman to make time in her schedule to focus on these things if she truly loves God and loves others. If she does not, she will not be able to effectively find and fulfill the purpose God has for her life.

Having learned in September that Bibles among the leaders in the churches were scarce, Debbie and her husband, Bill, had provided for the purchase of a study Bible for each pastor and a women's devotional Bible for each pastor's wife who was at Bellavue Church that day.

Later, they, along with Floyd and me, discussed how important we believe the personal study of the Bible is for every Believer. For this reason they committed to partner with Teleios to provide Bibles in the language of the participants of the January conference.

After talking about the importance of the spiritual discipline of Bible study, we told the women about the gift we had for each one of them. It was such a blessing to be able to present each woman attending with a Bible of her very own!

Learning that they had a choice to receive a Bible in English or





June 4th Is New July 4th

No, it's not a misprint...we will hold a **Teleios Fourth** on **Saturday, June 4**.

Think of it as getting a head start on the celebration!

Joining us for this year's festivities will be our Tanzanian partners, Neema and Mpeli Mwaisumbe.

Everything else is the same – good food, great fellowship and lots of fireworks – so mark your calendars now and plan to join us on June 4!

Daily Bread Life Children's Home Celebrates

An Awesome 10-Year Journey of Vision, Trust and Transformation

By Floyd Parker

In April 2004, Floyd Parker asked Mpeli Mwaisumbe, "What is your vision (God-given vision)?" Since that day, God has bound together a partnership of trust, love and changed lives.

On January 15, 2016, Daily Bread Life Children's Home, along with teams from Eastern Industrial Supply, Inc., and Teleios Ministry, reflected on the awesome journey that is DLBCH as they celebrated its 10th Anniversary.

All the partners first met in January, 2006, when Kip Miller visited the newly constructed DLBCH. The first children arrived in March, 2006. Since then, another Children's Home has been acquired, two farms developed, and a secondary school and four businesses built to support the work.



Daily Bread Life Children's Home has truly become a home for over 60 children and young adults, not including staff, which now numbers more than 40. The staff serves over 60 children and young adults with 29 secondary school students at the Bread of Life Secondary School. Fifteen of the children have grown into young adults studying in technical colleges and universities as they prepare for their future. Already, we have celebrated our first college graduate.

Who knows what the next 10 years will bring, but if the next 10 is anything like the first 10, only God can imagine the growth

and life change that is coming for all of us!

Trust

Daily Bread Life Children's Home is the living witness of first trusting God and through that trust, trusting others as you walk together in Him according to His purpose — a God-given vision.

Speaking at the 10th anniversary celebration, Kip said, "In 2005, I was presented with a plan to purchase the property that we are

on today, drawings and plans of timeline to begin construction. My wife and I prayed seeking the Lord's direction. I asked myself, 'Is it wise to send money, large sums of money, to someone halfway around the world, to someone I have never met?' I ask you, is it wise to do such a thing?

I told Floyd that no matter what happened, our intent was good, and

God would honor that no matter what happened with the funds.

At the end of the day, all any of us has is trust. None of the great things that DBLCH has done would have been accomplished if it were not for trust. You see, I found out that I could trust Floyd. We found out that we could trust Mpeli. Mpeli discovered that he could trust Floyd and me. When trust is high, things move at a faster pace. Floyd, Mpeli, Neema, Pawdre Scout, I thank God that you are trustworthy people of God."

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My Two Weeks In Africa...God Is Great!

By Attila Toth

I don't exactly know why, but since my childhood, just hearing about Africa was a special and exciting thing for me. I never thought that I would ever go there. I also realized that God loves to do the things that we think are impossible. So, in January, I was able to spend two weeks in Tanzania and Kenya.

We arrived first in Tanzania. If I had to put my experience in one word, it would be "shocking." I was shocked by how different the weather was from Romania, especially having gone from a lot of snow to such warm weather. I was shocked by the simple lifestyle

that most of the people live. I was shocked by the beauty of the country and the variety of wild animals we saw. I was amazed by the cultural differences like family and community life. I was moved by seeing very poor people and orphans. But most of all, the biggest impact came in seeing how big a difference a few dedicated people can make.

Seeing firsthand the work that God is doing through Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe, Floyd and Bonnie Parker, and Teleios partners makes me so thankful that there are these kinds of people who really care and do something for others. Their ministry in Tanzania encouraged me by showing me how God can make small beginnings into big blessings for His glory.

We left Tanzania and spent five days in Kenya. Having already met Bernard Mwangi Kabaru, I knew we would have an amazing



time. On the first day, seeing Bible verses on vehicles, buildings, and Christian schools as we traveled through the country made me realize that Christians are very present in this country.

Through participation in the women's conference and visiting several churches, I really enjoyed the presence of God in their churches, their hunger for God's Word, and the freedom in their worship.

Though Kenya is better off economically than Tanzania, I never saw so many poor people together in one place as I saw in the slum there.

Walking in the midst of these very poor houses just broke my heart. I realized how truly rich and blessed we are, and how we really need to do something to help the poor.

Seeing the ministry there, and being away from my everyday ministry in Romania, I was able to see the big picture of our work.

Long conversations with Bernard, Floyd and Bonnie really challenged me to think and grow. I needed those conversations so badly, and I am so thankful for these people. Among a lot of other things, I realized that one of the most important things for my ministry right now is to raise up people who can take responsibilities and step into leadership roles.

I'm thankful for all who helped me take this trip. I can honestly say that I'm looking forward to going back because I already miss everyone and everything there. Ok, everything except goat soup!

CELEBRATES

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Transformation/Changed Lives:

Three members of the DBLCH family really speak to the awesome life change that has taken place because of following Jesus on this journey.

Immanuel came to DLBCH as a two-year-old. At that time, he could not talk, walk or feed himself. He just sat. Now, he is all boy and the top student in his class.

William came to DBLCH when he was eight years old. He had spent his first years on earth literally sleeping in animal skins and usually outside under a bush. When he came to DBLCH, his dream was to become a doctor. He had watched his mother die and never wanted anyone to go through what she and he did. Earlier this year, he got the results from his national exams. He will be entering medical college on his way to becoming a doctor.

Stephen, a longtime staff member, grew up as an orphan. Mpeli and Neema took him in and gave him the opportunity to work and serve at DLBCH. Stephen has a special calling to work with the children and young people of DBLCH.

There are over 100 stories of lives changed because of the vision of Mpeli and Neema and the trust that has guided and provided the foundation of DLBCH.

You can be a part of what God is doing at DLBCH through your prayers. You can go and discover the blessing of serving alongside the DLBCH family in meeting the needs of the children, as well as the people of the Iringa area in Jesus' name. You can give to support DBLCH's growth as it reaches more children and grows in its investment in the transformation of lives.

One of the most critical needs is providing for a growing child. As the children grow, the cost of meeting their needs and providing them with the opportunity to become all that God created them to be grows.

To learn more about ways you can help, contact Teleios at 864-322-9775 or e-mail Floyd at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.











The Duality Of Africa And Its Overall Impact

From Novák Zsolt

I am grateful to God, to Teleios Ministry and to Floyd and Bonnie Parker that you made this trip possible for me. It was a life-changing experience which will have significant influence on my personal life and service.

I expected this trip to have impact on me, but I did not think it would be so strong and diverse. I am convinced that God wanted me to be there, in that time, exactly in this stage of my life and service. Thank you for being God's instruments in all this.



I was impressed by the open search for God I saw in Kenya, where the believers seemed to express their faith freely and powerfully. It was great being part of that, and the God experience at the women's conference was unforgettable.

While in Kenya, God was teaching me strongly about my ministry, relationships, family and community life. It was interesting to see and evaluate these things from such a distance. I could see significant things

which at home escaped my attention though they are important. I understood them especially during our open discussions with Bernard Kabaru Mwangi and Floyd.

More concretely, during this time I came to see three people from home whom God has chosen to be leaders in the mission. I have already spoken about this with the team. I have realized, as well, that some of our services are outdated, and that there are some areas which need to be reorganized. We have already taken steps into this direction.

With prayer, I started looking locally for the future servants of God. I have got a lesson from God on the subjects of freedom and the importance of abolition of compliance. My commitment to education also grew stronger.

It was exciting to see the amazing tea, coffee and pineapple plants and to taste the original flavor of the exotic fruits. It was special to stand on the equator, as well. God has rewritten my values, opened my view and gave a vision for the future during those two weeks.

We've made presentations about the trip in the local communities belonging to our mission, with high number of pictures and a few short videos. People were highly interested and touched by the glimpses we could pass to them, and we are hopeful that the fruits of this trip will be abundant in the long term.

First Stop - Tanzania

Once we arrived in Tanzania, I was shocked for days by the world we met there. I felt like a computer which, when you insert a disk, it does not have the program to run it. I just could not read the reality of the place: the spiritual, emotional and infrastructural needs and the cultural elements were too heavy on me.

During these days, God overwrote my values, and I realized how many reasons I have to be grateful for things that I didn't take into account before. All of our time in Tanzania I felt the spiritual pressure, and I saw little emotion expressed. The spiritual experiences seemed more superficial, as well, or maybe the shocking experience made me unable to see the right picture.

The safari trip was an extraordinary experience! I have seen the astonishing flora and fauna world which made me feel like I was in a fairy tale. I will never forget the night we spent there in a tent. We laughed a lot with Attila, and it was exciting, but we also experienced our deepest connection with the Lord throughout our journey.

Second Stop - Kenya

Kenya, on the other hand, was a very positive experience for me. From the very first moments I could sense a difference in environment, and people also were warmer, nicer, and more open.







Tides Of Change In Reghin, Romania

On April 6, Paul and Katie Crook will be returning to Charleston, S.C, from Reghin, Romania.

First Paul, then Katie, moved to Romania to work with Attila and Adel Toth in their God-given ministry in Reghin. Paul has been the driving force in the development of the Apalina Church Afterschool Program, serving with Attila for over four years.

During his time in Reghin, Paul has done it all when it comes to ministry in that area. Katie started helping with Gypsy Children's Camps and English classes with Teleios during her college years. When she and Paul married in July, 2014, she joined Paul in Reghin with her primary responsibility being to teach English classes and organize the children's ministry. They will be missed as they return home.

Pray for Paul and Katie as they return to Charleston. They both plan to teach. Paul will also pursue a graduate degree in educational administration. The Charleston area is blessed to have these two serving there.

Please be in prayer for Attila and Adel, the Reghin ministry team,

the Apalina Afterschool Program, and the English classes as they go through this transition.

Leaders are needed for the various ministry areas, especially the Afterschool Program, worship development, children's ministry and English classes.

The exciting news is that a door has opened for the team to be directly involved with the local Gypsy Elementary School. At this point, no one is sure what this will entail, but what is known is that this will lead to a more effective partnership for the education of the Gypsy children of Apalina through the direct involvement of the Apalina Gypsy Church and Romanian team.

There are many opportunities for you to be a part of the ministry and assist with the transition, from Gypsy Children's Camps, children's ministry supplies and materials, and supporting the transition to local leadership.

For more information on opportunities with these different ministry needs or how you can help, contact Floyd Parker at floyd.parker@teleiosministry.org.

All Things Are Possible With God

God continued to use the 2015 Christmas Catalog for His glory right up to December 31 which helped meet many needs in Romania, Kenya and Tanzania. As we've witnessed each of the nine years that we've published a Catalog, God makes all things possible.

Throughout the year, thanks to His grace, we are allowed to join Him on mission in what He is doing in this world and truly behold how faith, hope, trust and love align to bring together people and resources to fulfill His purpose.

We encourage you to pray for guidance as you continue to experience the power of God's amazing grace and the joy that comes from serving others in His name.

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BEST USE...

- by Ron & June Davis

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Loving God, Serving Each Other

Several colleagues from Eastern Industrial Supplies, Inc., joined the Teleios Team in January at Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Tanzania to lend a hand in refreshing the compound. From painting and replacing windows to worshipping and sharing God's love with the children and others in the area, it was a time of much fellowship and service for His glory.

Never did I imagine that God would lead me to be part of a foreign mission trip. I know God brought me to this experience so I can share it with my family and others. My family and I are also excited about being part of Teleios Ministry in any way that we can. I didn't realize how small my world was, and I was so reminded of just how big God is! My cup runneth over!

- Susan Cash



The kids had joy in their hearts that only God can provide, and that love was a direct result of the great work of DBLCH. The kids showed us pure love without judgment or expectation from the moment we arrived.

- Trent Pittman





The thing that has stuck with me about the trip is their faith. The children and the people in the villages PRAISE GOD like no service I have ever been a part of. They have very little in life, but they still praise the Lord. It really puts life into perspective.

- Brian "Bubba" Henson



The worship services on Sunday were truly inspiring. I think many of us experienced "True Worship" for the first time at these two beautiful churches and for me personally, it was very spiritual and emotional to know that God allowed me an opportunity to see His hand at work.

- Jack Sullivan

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Loving God, Serving Each Other

After coming home, I kept telling people how Emanuel was taking care of a younger boy, I think his name was Eric. The children have been taught so well to love and serve others.

- Susan Page



This trip was transformative for me. The children we met demonstrated qualities that I (and all of us) would do well to emulate.

- Charles Wall





I think the most special moment for me was seeing the children again and how most remembered me. I seem to experience a whole new level of God when I am there. It's hard to describe it, but I think it is just sincere worship.

- Trey Stapleton

The worship service at ACTS Fellowship church was my "Ah-ha" moment. This was the most memorable worship service I have ever experienced. God showed me what true, unashamed worship really is. It makes no difference what color, race or nationality we are when we are called by God. We are all one. What an incredible journey this was.

- Dianne Wynn











From Romania...

Gornesti – ZoZo and Alina Kalanyos announce the birth of their baby boy, Samuel, on January 13. Mother and baby are doing well. The family is now settled into their new home just down the road from the Kalanyos' grandparents. Pray for ZoZo and Alina as they seek to be Godly parents for little Samuel.

Mures Judical - New laws in Romania call for public buildings, including churches, to be inspected by local fire departments. To have the required inspection, all legal documents have to be updated and in order. It has been years since paperwork for the Reghin building was reviewed. During the days of Communism, documents proving ownership of the land by Baptists were somehow misplaced by the local governmental offices. In addition, there is misinformation on the documents for both the Peris and Gornesti church buildings as to the type of building materials with which they were constructed. Please pray for Adele Nagy as she is working with authorities on behalf of the mission to sort through these issues and obtain the correct legal titles registered for each of the buildings. Ask the Lord to open opportunities to share Jesus' saving grace with local officials and bring glory to Himself amid all the confusion of tracking down old documents and having inspection dates settled.

Apalina – A Gypsy Women's Conference was held on March 13. The theme was "Christian Servanthood and How to Be an Effective Servant." Discussion revolved around how the women can develop avenues to serve in Jesus' name to those around them. Pray that the women were receptive to the message and that their hearts and minds continue to be open to God's direction in their lives.

Sacele – Lajos and Naomi Fekete are the proud parents of a baby girl, Petra, born February 2. Praise the Lord for this new little blessing. Ask God to provide for the physical energy, wisdom and resources as the parents of three little ones bring them up in "fear and admonition of the Lord." Lajos works with Otto Kis as part of the Sacele mission team.

From Tanzania...

Iringa – Since January, six new children have arrived at Daily Bread Life Children's Home. They range in age from newborn to 13. It is an exciting time for all of the children and staff. Pray for them, as well as for the new children as all adjust to new family members.



Teleios Ministry friend and partner Kristi Glenn, center, recently spent four weeks at Bread of Life Secondary School and Daily Bread Life Children's Home in Tanzania teaching conversational and basic English classes.

- A good friend and partner of Teleios Ministry, Kristi Glenn of Leesburg, Virginia, returned home on February 25 after serving four weeks at Bread of Life Secondary School and Daily Bread of Life Children's Home. A lawyer by profession, Kristi taught Reading Comprehension and Taking Standardized Tests Successfully at BLSS. She also worked with the staff on conversational English and basic English grammar. Praise God for Kristi and her willingness to offer time and resources to help in work. Thank Him for all that was accomplished throughout the month!



Kidete - The rains arrived early in the Southern Highlands this year. Normal weather patterns generally bring the heavy rainy season in March. However, due to the El Nino effect this year heavy rains began in late December. As a result, no preparations were able to be carried out to avert heavy flooding in some areas. The village near Kidete where the DBLCH Farm, Bread of Life Secondary School, and Kidete Baptist Church are, was completely washed away. More than 300 homes were destroyed.

DBLCH Ministry helped bring supplies to the people. Pray for the villagers as they seek to recover from this devastation. Ask God to give Mpeli and the Kidete church wisdom as they work alongside district officials to aid this village during these days.





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Reflections From the Green Chair.....

As we approach Easter, two words are on my mind, "Finished" and "Risen." From the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished!" and from the tomb, the angels said, "He has risen!"

In those two sentences, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message of the mission of His church, can be summed up. Those two sentences are the foundation for our lives in Jesus and our confidence to go and serve in His name.

"Finished" means complete or to fulfill a mission or a plan. In God's plan, He sent His Son, Jesus, with a mission — the redemption of His creation and the transformation of His relationship with His creation.

First, Jesus established the truth of God's plan in the hearts and minds of His disciples. This is what it means to be in relationship with God, and this is how it works out in our lives. Then, on the cross, He took upon Himself the sin that separates, condemns and destroys our relationship with God and our lives. He made the sacrifice that made possible our forgiveness.

As the writer of Hebrews says, it was "a once for all sacrifice, the blood of a new covenant of relationship with God." We

can enter the presence of God with confidence even if we are seeking forgiveness. Our confidence is not based in who we are or what we have done; but in who He is and what He has done.

From the cross, "It is finished" was the cry of victory and fulfillment of the promises and plan of God for the redeeming relationship and transformation of His creation. Strangely enough, "finished" actually meant the start of a whole new way of relationship and mission.

Risen means Life! When that word was spoken, everything in eternity changed. Life could be lived without fear. Death had been overcome. We do not have to be afraid of man or Satan. We do not have to be afraid of where we stand in relationship with God.

More and more, I realize that the greatest transition in our lives is the move from fear to trust/faith. Jesus could come to the earth, suffer on the cross, bear the sins of all time because He was not afraid. He trusted the love, plan and power of His Heavenly Father.

The word "risen" means that trust was validated. That is the message to us. We, too, can trust the plan, love and power of our Heavenly Father as we pursue His

mission for us, not just in eternal consequence but also in our daily living. The cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ has real, practical application to our lives.

As we recently celebrated Daily Bread Life Children's Home 10th anniversary, I thought of the day when the land was a cornfield; the day I stood on the property and prayed for all that God had prepared for Mpeli and Neema Mwaisumbe and all of us; the day in January 2006 when Kip Miller came and saw the completed buildings — it was finished. But, then in March 2006, the children began to arrive — orphans, some of whom had been living a slave's life, some who were unbelievably malnourished, and some who were just starved for love, home and a family. Life came to DLBCH.

This is a parable of Easter. A story played out in our lives. When it is finished, life begins.

Once, after baptizing a young person at DBLCH, coming out of the water she said, "New Life." The old was finished, and she rose with a new life. Finished and Risen, the message of mission.

Hallelujah!

Floyd

